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The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 2400, an Act relating to and making appropriations to certain state departments, agencies, funds, and certain other entities, providing for regulatory authority, and other properly related matters and providing an effective and retroactive applicability date. Senate File 2400 is approved on this date, with the exception noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of Section 15, unnumbered paragraph 5, in its entirety. This paragraph directs the Department of Management to include in its budget request funding for the salaries of the director and assistant director of the Tim Shields Center for Governing Excellence in Iowa and also requires the Governor to include such funding in his budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2010. While I strongly support efforts to improve innovation in our state and local governments, this language requires an Executive Branch department to provide funding by a pass-through appropriation for yet-to-be-determined non-Executive Branch positions. Further, the proposed language is premature until the Local Government Innovation Commission determines where the Tim Shields Center for Governing Excellence in Iowa will be located. My understanding is that the Commission will be asking for proposals this fall and making a recommendation on awarding a contract and funding later this calendar year. I look forward to reviewing the work of the Local Government Innovation Commission and will seriously consider any proposals that are made.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated item in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 2400 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver
Governor

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